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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS - UN, GENEVA.

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1. RE PARAS 1.A., AND 2., REFTEL, SOVIET NATIONAL RELIABLY RUMORED TO BE REPLACEMENT FOR ABDOU CISS AS CHIEF OF PERSONNEL FOR UNOG IS GELY DNEPROVSKY. HE IDENTIFIED IN U.N. STAFF LIST AS P-5, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF SERVICES, DIVISION OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, UN OFFICE OF PERSONNEL, NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, HE JOINED UN AS P-4 PERSONNEL OFFICER IN 1967. IN 1970 HE BECAME DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF SERVICES, THE POST HE HAS HELD SINCE THAT TIME EXCEPT FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS (CIRCA 1972-1975) WHEN HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF UN INFORMATION CENTER IN MOSCOW.

2. DEPT IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS OF HAVING A RUSSIAN CHIEF OF PERSONNEL IN UNOG. HOWEVER, SOVIETS HAVE OCCUPIED MORE SENSITIVE SLOTS IN UN IN THE PAST AND, NO
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DOUBT, WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN FUTURE. WITH SOME TEN YEARS OF UN EMPLOYMENT, MOSTLY IN PERSONNEL, DNEPROVSKY SHOULD HAVE SOME CREDENTIALS FOR UNOG POST. BASED ON INFO AT HAND, OUR ONLY BASIS FOR OBJECTING TO HIM IS HIS NATIONALITY AND WHILE THAT SUFFICIENT REASON FOR US, TEND TO

DOUBT THAT SYG WALDHEIM WILL BE IMPRESSED WITH THAT ARGU-

MENT.

3, ACCORDINGLY, PRIOR TO AUTHORIZING A DEMARCHE ON WALD-
HEIM IN AN EFFORT TO OVERTURN DNEPROVSKY'S ASSIGNMENT,
WOULD APPRECIATE USUN'S VIEWS ON SUBJECT AS WELL AS ITS
ASSESSMENT OF THE OUTCOME OF A DEMARCHE. VANCE

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